

APPENDIX E - CONSULTATION SUMMARY SHEET FOR PROGRAMMATIC ASSESSMENT

Instructions

For all projects and actions reviewed and analyzed using the wildlife screen process, the consultation summary sheets in Appendix E of the biological assessment must be filled out by Project Biologists and submitted to Forest Biologists for review and submission to the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service semi-annually for review. Also, the Level 1 team will annually select a number of projects at random and review the use of the screens and documentation.

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| Administrative Unit: <u>Nez Perce-Clearwater NF – North Fork Ranger District</u> | | | | | |
| Contact: <u>Jim Lutes</u> : Project Biologist Reviewed by: _____ : Forest Biologist | | | | | |
| Date: <u>6/18/2019</u> | | | | | |
| Project Name and Description | Species | Effects of Action | Cumulative Effects (ESA) | How Does the Project Meet Screening Criteria? | Determination of Effects |
| North Fork Aspen Regen 2 Aspen clones represent a unique habitat on the forest, regenerating and expanding them will maintain an important component to overall habitat diversity. Regenerating stands are important foraging areas for elk, deer, and moose as well as foraging and | Grizzly Bear | The USFWS does not consider grizzly bear likely to be present on the Nez Perce-Clearwater NF therefore there will be no effects of project related activities on grizzly bear. | N/A | N/A | NE |

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| <p>fledgling dispersal areas for neo-tropical migratory songbirds.</p> <p>Most aspen clones on the forest are of small size (2-20 acres) due to a number of factors, but this small size provides the opportunity to efficiently double or triple their size by removing in-clone and adjacent competing vegetation at the same time that the mature clone is being cut to reset the seral clock.</p> <p>Mature aspen and competing conifers and over-mature shrubs will be cut or girdled within the 22 treatment units. Competing conifers and mature shrubs will be cut or girdled adjacent to the clone in areas where suppressed aspen regeneration, or evidence of recent aspen is present. If no adjacent aspen regeneration is apparent, conifers downwind (prevailing wind direction) of the aspen clone may be cut within 100 feet of the clone, to expand the extent of the clone. Two to five mature aspen per clone will be retained to buffer against the possibility of drought induced Sudden Aspen Decline. If present, aspen with cavities capable of supporting sensitive wildlife species, such as flammulated owls, will be retained.</p> <p>Small sales or firewood sales may be offered in areas of “Roaded” Management Area E1 with existing access.</p> | <p>Canada Lynx</p> | <p>Fourteen of twenty-two targeted clones fall within LAUs however only five clones proposed for treatment overlap with lynx habitat (59 acres) in a single LAU (6). Affected habitat is predominantly general foraging habitat. These clones are represented by lodgepole pine, Douglas fir, grand fir, and shrub which fall within areas of deep persistent snow that does not provide winter snowshoe habitat. The LAU in question does not exceed 30% stand initiation structural stage and does not exceed 15% regeneration harvest in the last 10 years. Additionally, there is no pre-commercial thinning or harvest with multi-story proposed. Therefore the project meets NRLMD Standards and Guidelines.</p> | <p>None</p> | <p>The Biological Screening Criteria under Table B2 includes Habitat Restoration Activities (including aspen rejuvenation) as long as NRLMD standards and guidelines are met within the respective LAU.</p> | <p>NLAA</p> |
| <p>A potential follow-up project, if needed, will be to burn treated stands, most likely as part of a larger landscape burn. Any follow-up burning will be proposed as a separate project.</p> | <p>Canada Lynx Critical Habitat</p> | <p>The USFWS has not designated any Critical Lynx Habitat within the Nez Perce-Clearwater NF boundary therefore there will be no effects of project related activities on Canada lynx critical habitat.</p> | <p>N/A</p> | <p>N/A</p> | <p>NE</p> |